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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SIDNEY B. RIGG ET AL.
APPLICATION No.: 10/713,878
FILED: NOVEMBER 13, 2003
FOR: **METHODS FOR FORMING VIAS IN
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES, AND
METHODS FOR PACKAGING
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES**

EXAMINER: HOWARD WEISS
ART UNIT: 2814
CONF. NO: 1111

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed March 28, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-15, 17-20, 22 and 25-30. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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